

## Unit 01 My Favorite

1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.

- a. Speaker #1: Who is your favorite teacher?
- b. Speaker #2: What is your favorite video game?
- c. Speaker #3: What is your favorite sport to play?

2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.

**People/Things:** band, singer, subject, teacher, sports car, voice

**Descriptions:** important, beautiful, interesting, cool, powerful, fastest

**Actions:** speak, know, understand, drive, study, sing

4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

a. What is your favorite school subject?

My favorite subject at school is English because I like studying it, and I know that it is very important for my future career. I will need to speak and understand English well because I want to work in tourism.

b. What is your favorite kind of car?

My favorite car is a Bugatti. It looks cool and is one of the fastest sports cars in the world. I think I would get a lot of attention from people if I drove one.

c. Who is your favorite band or singer?

My favorite singer is Shania Twain. I like the way she sings, and she has a very powerful voice. A lot of singers these days are famous because of their appearance, but she is both beautiful and talented.

6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

a. 2

b. 3

c. 1

### Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

1. Describe your favorite friend and explain why he or she is your favorite friend.

My favorite friend is my best friend, Michael, because he is always honest, nice, and supportive. He is also very funny and makes me laugh. I have known him almost my whole life.

2. Describe your favorite video or computer game and explain why it is your favorite.

My favorite computer game is *Football Hero*. It not only requires a lot of thinking but also good reactions. The music in the game is really good, too, with some popular new songs.

3. Describe your favorite sporting event and explain why it is your favorite.

My favorite sporting event is Formula 1 car racing because I love fast sports cars and racing. I think there is a lot of skill involved, too. Some of the drivers are very talented.

4. Describe your favorite job and explain why it is your favorite.

My favorite job would be to be a lawyer. Lawyers are responsible for finding the truth and ensuring that people are brought to justice. They also protect people's rights.

## Unit 02 My Country

1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.

- a. Speaker #1: What is a famous food from your country?



b. **Speaker #2:** What is a big company in your country?

c. **Speaker #3:** What are traditional clothes in your country?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Actions:** hold on to, speak, immigrate, grow, hear, live

**Things/People:** architecture, capital, territory, foreigner, population, size

**Descriptions:** native, official, large, the same as, less than, well known

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

a. **How big is your native country? How many people live there?**

The territory of my native country isn't very large. It is probably the same size as Germany. There are less than five million people in my country. I think a lot of foreigners have started immigrating to my country in recent years.

b. **What are the official languages of your native country?**

There are two official languages in my country. They are Irish and English. English is spoken throughout the country, but in some parts, people speak Irish. You might hear people speaking Polish and Chinese. There are lots of people from Poland and China in my country.

c. **What is the capital city of your country? Is this city known for anything?**

The capital city of my country is Rome. It is a very old but very beautiful city. It is located in the west of the country. Rome is well known for its architecture and the fact that it has held on to many old traditions.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

a. 2

b. 1

c. 3

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**

Sample Responses

**1. Describe the culture and traditions in your native country.**

People of my native country are proud of their culture and traditions. We are famous for having fun and also doing a certain type of dance. We try to preserve the traditions of our country by sending children to summer camps where they learn the old language and traditions.

**2. What are the traditional clothes in your native country?**

The traditional clothes for women in my country look like long dresses that have pretty patterns on them. Usually women only wear these for special occasions like weddings. There used to be a traditional dress for men as well, but men these days don't wear it anymore.

**3. Where can people see performances or enjoy the circus in your native country?**

There are theaters, opera houses, and circus buildings in my country. Many of them are located in the center of the city. Some cheaper ones are located in areas where students stay.

**4. What are the most popular vacation destinations in your country?**

The most popular vacation destinations in my country are the big cities. There are two big cities, one in the north and one in the south, that most people visit. If people go to other places in my country, they'll probably only see small farming villages.



**Unit 03 Studying English**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** What is a good thing to do in class?
- b. **Speaker #2:** Why is it important to do your homework?
- c. **Speaker #3:** How did you learn to read English?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Actions:** master, pronounce, focus on, watch, improve, practice

**People:** students, native speakers, teachers, friends, others, parents

**Things:** definition, sentences, songs, tenses, grammar, straight As

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. Do you think it is important to study English grammar?**

Yes, studying English grammar is very important for mastering English. You should especially focus on studying tenses. This way you can learn to form more sentences in different tenses.

**b. What do you think the best ways to practice speaking English are?**

There are a lot of ways to practice speaking English. First, you should find every chance to speak English. You can practice speaking with your friends, teachers, or native speakers. You should also watch English TV and listen to English songs. That can help you learn how to pronounce words correctly.

**c. What is your definition of a “good student?”**

My definition of a good student is a student who

tries hard. In my opinion, a good student is not necessarily a straight A student. As long as others, like parents and teachers, can see that the student is trying hard to improve, then that student fits my definition of a “good student.”

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**

Sample Responses

**1. Why is it important to be on time for class?**

When students are on time for class, they get a chance to prepare for their classes calmly, to concentrate on their subjects, and to show respect for their teachers and classmates. When students are late, they aren't prepared and may have missed something important at the beginning of the class.

**2. What should you do and not do in class?**

There are a lot of things you should do and a lot of things you should not do in class. First, you should come to class on time, come prepared, pay attention in class, and participate actively in activities and assignments. If you do all these things, you will most likely be successful in your studies. What you should not do is ignore this advice.

**3. Why is it important to do your homework regularly?**

It is important to do your homework regularly because it is additional practice and reinforcement of what you are studying in class. If you don't do your homework, then you are more likely to forget what you learned in class that day.

**4. How did you learn to read English? Do you think it was easy or difficult?**

I learned to read English by using one of those phonics instructional workbook series when I was five years old. My parents bought this series for me and showed me how to use it. It was difficult at first, but with practice it got much easier.

expensive. Also, sometimes people make noise and ruin the movie.

**c. Are drive-in movie theaters popular in your country?**

No, I don't actually think there are any drive-in movie theaters in my country. This is probably because the weather is not very nice. It's rainy and cold outdoors quite often. No, I've never been to a drive-in movie theater. I don't think it would be fun to see a movie there, anyway.

**Unit 04 Movies**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

a. **Speaker #1:** Who is your favorite actor?

b. **Speaker #2:** Do you like horror movies?

c. **Speaker #3:** What is an action movie?

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

a. 1

b. 3

c. 2

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Things:** membership card, price, tickets, drive-in, screen, sound system

**Times:** always, months before, usually, never, every weekend, often

**Descriptions:** cheaper, rainy, expensive, new, wide, fun

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**

Sample Responses

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. Do you like going to the movies? Explain.**

Yes, I really enjoy going to see movies. I usually go with my friends every other weekend. We have membership cards, so we always get tickets for the movies at a cheaper price.

**1. Who is your favorite actor/actress? Why?**

My favorite actress is Meryl Streep. I like her because she is able to play many different types of people. A lot of famous actresses are simply themselves in movies, but Meryl Streep can seem like a different person each time.

**b. What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching a movie in a movie theater?**

The advantages are the wide screen and the sound system that is used. Also, you usually see movies in a movie theater months before they come out on TV. One disadvantage is that it is

**2. Why do some people like watching horror movies?**

I don't like watching horror movies. I usually have nightmares after I watch them. I think some people enjoy being scared because they get a thrill from the excitement.

**3. Do you think animated movies are only for children? Explain.**

No, I don't think animated movies are only for children. In Japan, many animated movies are produced for adults. These are often very scary and should only be watched by people over a certain age.

**4. What is an action movie? Give examples of famous action movies in your country.**

An action movie is usually a fast, exciting movie where lots of things are happening. Action movies usually have lots of car chases or shooting scenes. A famous action movie from my country is *The Flying Dragon*.

Yes, I like to order different kinds of appetizers when I eat out. I like to sample various things before I have my main course. It depends on the kind of a restaurant I go to, but I usually have spring rolls. A good restaurant for spring rolls is the Vietnamese noodle house near my apartment.

**Unit 05 Restaurants**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** What was the last restaurant you went to?
- b. **Speaker #2:** What drink do you usually order when you eat out?
- c. **Speaker #3:** Why is seafood good for your health?

**c. Is it a good idea to eat out when you travel to other countries? Explain.**

Of course! I think people should use the opportunity to sample food from different countries when they travel abroad because it is one way to learn about various cultures in other countries. Another good reason for eating out when you travel is so that you don't have to cook. Who wants to cook when they're on vacation? Not me!

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Things:** appetizer, main course, spring rolls, meal, noodle, opportunity

**Actions:** cook, prefer, prepare, travel, sample, order

**Descriptions:** particular, traditional, different, healthier, various, homemade

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. Do you prefer to eat out or to eat at home? Explain.**

Maybe I am too traditional, but I prefer to eat at home. I enjoy the company of my family and the quality time we have together. I like it when we prepare our homemade food and eat it together. I'm sure the meals are healthier that way.

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**

Sample Responses

**1. What is a traditional food in your culture? How is it prepared?**

Lamb stew is a traditional food in my culture. To prepare it, you need to put lamb, onions, carrots and leeks in a pot. Then you let it cook on a low heat for several hours. It is really delicious and very popular.

**2. When you go to your favorite restaurant, what do you usually order? Why?**

When I go to my favorite Italian restaurant, the Olive Garden, I usually order its house salad because it is so delicious and healthy. I also like to order their bolognese, which is much more exciting than regular bolognese.

**3. Do you like to eat at fast-food restaurants? Why or why not?**

No. I don't. When I was very young, I thought eating in a fast-food restaurant was a treat. Now I know that fast food is very unhealthy, so I never eat it.

**4. Describe a bad experience that you had in a restaurant.**

Once I was at a Mexican restaurant because I really wanted to try some Mexican food. I can't eat really spicy food, and the food that I ordered was very spicy, so it made me really sick. I didn't know that it would do that to me.

## Unit 06 Music

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** What is your favorite radio station?
- b. **Speaker #2:** Do you like to sing with friends?
- c. **Speaker #3:** When was the last time you bought a CD?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Kinds of Music:** classical music, heavy metal, rap music, jazz, dance music, Latin pop

**Descriptions:** annoying, energetic, wonderful, young, distracting, loud

**Things:** piano, situation, sound, club, saxophone, school

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. What is your favorite kind of music? What do you like about it?**

My favorite kind of music is Latin pop because

it is the music that I grew up with. Latin pop is mostly used as dance music, so it is played in dance clubs. It is energetic, so it makes me want to dance. I really like dancing.

**b. Do you play any musical instruments? If so, how long have you been playing?**

Yes, I do. I play the piano. I like playing classical music on the piano. My parents took me to a music school when I was very young. I guess I was about seven when I started learning to play the piano. I would love to learn to play the saxophone because I think it has a wonderful sound.

**c. Describe a situation when music can be distracting.**

Music can be distracting when it is too loud. Loud rap music or heavy metal can be very annoying. Even when somebody is playing jazz, my favorite kind of music, if it is too loud, I still wouldn't enjoy it. It would bother me. Music can also be very distracting when you are doing homework.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**

Sample Responses

**1. Describe how music can influence your mood.**

Music can influence my mood a lot. For example, when I am sad or just tired, I play some disco music and start dancing. My mood changes very quickly, and I usually feel a lot better.

**2. How is your taste in music different from your parents'? Give examples.**

My taste in music is very different from

my parents' because I like rap and hip-hop, whereas they listen to classical music. The type of music I listen to is very energetic, while I think classical music is quite boring.

**3. What is your favorite style of dancing? Are you good at it? Explain.**

I like salsa a lot. It is a traditional Latin American style of dancing. It is very exciting. I am not good at it since I have never taken lessons, but I enjoy doing it anyway.

**4. What is your favorite radio station? When do you listen to it?**

My favorite radio station is Radio 7 because they broadcast music that is popular with young people now. They don't play any outdated or oldies songs. I usually listen to it when I am studying or jogging.

**a. What are the titles of some famous books?**

**Have you read any of these books?**

Some famous books that I know are *The Alchemist*, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, and *Life of Pi*. I read *Life of Pi*. It is a very interesting book about a boy from India and a tiger. It has a very good ending. I would highly recommend this book.

**b. What are some famous cities in the world? Describe one of them.**

The most famous cities in the world are Los Angeles, New York, London, Paris, and Tokyo. I visited London once. It is best known for sights like Big Ben, Windsor Palace, and the Tower of London. It is one of the largest cities in the world. Maybe about 14 million people live there.

**c. Who are some famous athletes? Describe one of them.**

Some famous athletes these days are Michael Phelps, Usain Bolt, and Kelly Holmes. Usain Bolt is famous because he won the Olympics in China. He set a new world record for the 100-meter sprint. He is kind of unusual because he is so tall and sprinters are not usually that tall.

**Unit 07 Name Them**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** Who are some famous artists?
- b. **Speaker #2:** What are some popular magazines?
- c. **Speaker #3:** What are some famous mountains?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Things:** meter, sights, tower, ending, 100 meter sprint, record

**Places:** China, Paris, heaven, India, Los Angeles, Windsor Palace

**Actions:** visit, read, talk about, win, recommend, tell

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**

Sample Responses

**1. Give the names of three famous actors and talk about one of them.**

Some of the most famous actors in the world are Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, and George Clooney. Brad Pitt is well known for *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*, which is about two professional killers who are married.

The movie also starred Angelina Jolie. Brad Pitt is famous because he's very good looking, and he's a pretty good actor.

**2. Give the names of three famous singers and talk about one of them.**

Three famous singers are Michael Jackson, Elton John, and Celine Dion. Michael Jackson is best known for his album *Thriller*, which sold millions of copies in the early 1980s. Some other interesting things about him are that he owned a monkey, lived in an amusement park, and had some trouble with the law.

**3. Give the titles of three famous movies and talk about one of them.**

*Lord of the Rings*, *Harry Potter*, and *Jerry Maguire* are three famous movies. *Lord of the Rings* is one of my favorite movies because the special effects are amazing. I really like the book, so I was happy when the movie was just as good.

**4. Give the titles of three famous TV shows and talk about one of them.**

*Lost*, *24*, and *Scrubs* are all good TV shows. I really like *Lost* because it is very interesting. It is about an airplane that crashed on an island and all the people realize that something strange is happening on the island. They see very strange things and meet other people on the island.

## Unit 08 The Environment

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** What is one way to produce electricity?
- b. **Speaker #2:** What is an effect of water pollution?
- c. **Speaker #3:** What is global warming?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Nature:** plants, land, streams, trees, rivers, animals

**Actions:** grow, drink, recycle, collect, produce, pollute

**Materials:** glass, paper, cloth, cardboard, plastic, metal

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. Why is it dangerous for the environment when cities grow and take up more land?**

It is harmful for the environment because there is less land available for trees and other plants to grow, and for animals to live. Fewer plants mean less oxygen is produced. Since all living things need oxygen to survive, of course this is bad.

**b. What are the effects of polluting water?**

**Explain.**

Our water comes from rivers and streams. The main danger of polluting this water is that people have to use or drink it. If there is too much pollution in streams, the amount of available fresh water will not be enough for everyone to drink.

**c. What household items can be recycled? What do you collect at home for recycling?**

We can recycle paper, cardboard, cloth, plastic, metal, and glass. For recycling, my family and I collect old newspapers, magazines, old clothes, milk cartons, plastic containers, and aluminum cans. Recycling is important because it means that we can reuse a lot of things. This conserves resources.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 3
- b. 2
- c. 1

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**



Sample Responses

**1. Why is it important to use electricity wisely?**

**Explain.**

It is important to use electricity wisely because it is very expensive to produce, and lots of natural resources are being used to generate it. For example, to generate electricity, we need to burn coal or natural gas. So if we waste electricity, we need to burn more coal and gas which pollutes the environment.

**2. What national parks and nature reserves do you have in your country?**

We have a lot of national parks and nature reserves in our country. They are important for preserving nature in all its beauty. The biggest one is Yellowstone. In particular, it preserves many species of trees, bears, and big game.

**3. Why is it important for people to clean up garbage in picnic areas before they leave?**

It is very important to clean up the garbage in picnic areas because it pollutes nature and creates an unpleasant environment in those areas. Also, garbage can attract dangerous wild animals such as bears.

**4. What can children do to help preserve the environment?**

Children can do a lot of things to help preserve the environment. First, they need to learn not to litter, and if they see garbage in the street, they should learn to pick it up. Also, they can make sure that they recycle all the materials they use.

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Meals/Mealtimes:** breakfast, evening, dinner, morning, noon, lunch

**Food:** cookie, pizza, oatmeal, bread, pancakes, salad

**Actions:** eat, relax, watch, leave, cook, show

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. What time do you usually have breakfast? Who prepares it? What do you have for breakfast?**

I usually have my breakfast at around seven o'clock in the morning. My mom usually cooks it for me, but when she has to go to work early, I make breakfast myself. I usually have bread or oatmeal. On weekends, I have pancakes!

**b. What time do you usually have lunch? What types of food do you usually have for lunch?**

I usually have lunch at around noon. Because I have breakfast at seven, I am usually very hungry by then. On school days, I eat lunch at the school cafeteria. I usually have a sandwich, a slice of pizza, or some salad. I sometimes have a cookie after lunch.

**c. Do you like watching TV in the evening? What channels or programs do you watch?**

Yes, I enjoy watching TV in the evening after dinner. I like to watch the Discovery Channel because it shows a lot of interesting programs about amazing things and places in the world.

**Unit 09 Everyday Activities**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** What time do you get up?
- b. **Speaker #2:** What do you do after school?
- c. **Speaker #3:** What do you do on a typical weekend?

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2



### ❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

#### 1. How do you decide what to wear every day?

It is very difficult for me to decide what to wear every day. My friends and I love nice clothes. We try not to wear the same thing on the same day, so I usually take some outfits out of my closet and call my friends to make sure we are not planning to wear similar outfits. I can also get advice from them on what to wear.

#### 2. What is your day like after lunch?

After lunch, I usually have three more classes at school. First, I have my advanced algebra class with Ms. Thompson. Then I have an English class, followed by a geography class.

#### 3. Do you sometimes play games with your siblings or friends? What games do you play?

Yes, I sometimes play games with my older brother. We have a PlayStation, so we play lots of different games. My favorite games are sports games like soccer, though my brother prefers to solve puzzles.

#### 4. If you had more time, what would you really like to do?

If I had more time, I would like to be able to relax more. Sometimes, I feel really exhausted towards the end of the week. I know my life is extremely busy, so I would like to have more time to just relax and think more about things.

## Unit 10 Experiences

### 1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.

a. **Speaker #1:** When was a time you were really scared?

b. **Speaker #2:** What is the best place you have visited?

c. **Speaker #3:** When do people usually get nervous?

### 2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.

**Descriptions:** hard, sad, exotic, high, happy, proud

**Actions:** feel, visit, remember, study, repeat, come

**Things:** letter, country, airport, university, culture, vacation

### 4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.

Answers will vary.

#### a. Describe a time when you felt really proud of yourself.

I felt really proud of myself when I got the letter with my TOEFL iBT score because it was a good score. I studied really hard for the test, and I didn't want to have to repeat it because it is a difficult test. I was both happy and relieved that I had done well on the test!

#### b. What day of your life do you think you would remember forever? Describe the experience.

I will always remember the day when I left my country to study abroad. That day, my whole family and all my friends came to the airport to say goodbye to me and wish me luck. I was happy that I had the opportunity to study abroad, but I was also sad to leave my family and friends.

#### c. Describe an experience you have had traveling to an exotic place.

When I was 14 years old, my family took me to Honolulu, Hawaii because we wanted to see this exotic place and to have our vacation there. The colors all around us looked so different, and the culture was very different from my own. The people were also very friendly.



**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

**1. Describe an experience when you lied to somebody you love.**

When I was 12, I did very poorly on some of my school tests. I didn't want to show my report card to my father, so I told him I didn't get one. When he asked the teacher about it, I got into big trouble.

**2. Describe a time when you saw a sunrise or a sunset.**

When I was 15 years old, I saw a really amazing sunrise. I think I will remember it forever. We were hiking in the Rocky Mountains, and one night we got up very early. My father woke me up to share that beautiful sunrise with him.

**3. Describe a close relationship you have with someone. Why are you so close to this person?**

I have a very close relationship with my best friend, Sarah, because I know we can trust each other. We became best friends after we both started school, and we have grown even closer since then.

**4. Describe a time when you were very nervous.**

I remember when I was at the hospital with my mom, and we were waiting for her blood test results. My mom had been sick for quite a while. She had heart problems, so that day we were at the hospital waiting for her doctor to tell us if she needed surgery. I was extremely nervous the whole day. Luckily, it was good news. She didn't need the operation after all!

**Unit 11 Family**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** Where do your grandparents live?
- b. **Speaker #2:** What are your parents' jobs?
- c. **Speaker #3:** How many children does a typical family in your country have?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Descriptions:** perfect, handsome, smart, strong, tall, responsible

**Family Members:** uncles, husband, grandparents, aunts, wife, siblings

**Actions:** annoy, celebrate, teach, get along, live, look up to

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. Tell me about your favorite sister, brother, or cousin.**

My favorite brother's name is Ali. He is my older brother. I like him because he helps me and teaches me a lot of useful things. He is twenty years old. He is very tall and strong. Everyone thinks he is handsome. He is also smart and responsible, so I really look up to him.

**b. What is your idea of a perfect family?**

My idea of a perfect family is when parents, children, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins all live close by so that they can help each other, spend time together, and celebrate together. Most of us live in the same city or close by. Some of my family members live about an hour's drive away. My uncle and his wife live in Italy, so we don't see them very much.



**c. Do you have any siblings or cousins? If so, how old are they? Do you get along well with them?**

Yes, I have two siblings and three cousins. My two older brothers are 15 and 17 years old, and my cousins are 7, 9, and 13. We all get along very well, though sometimes we get annoyed at my youngest cousin because he can get into things that he is not supposed to get into.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 2
- b. 1
- c. 3

**❖ Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

**1. Talk about your parents. What is the best thing about your mother or father?**

I love my parents very much because I would not have been able to achieve a lot of things in life without them. First, I would like to talk about my mom. She is extremely kind and generous. My dad is the wisest man I have ever known. He always gives me good advice about things.

**2. Who does the chores in your family? Who cleans, cooks, and does the laundry?**

We share the chores in my family because we all help our mother to keep the house clean. All the children are responsible for cleaning their own rooms. Our mom usually does the cooking because she is really good at it. My dad cleans the garage and takes care of the yard.

**3. Should parents give their children an allowance? How much should it be?**

Yes, I think parents should give their children an allowance because children sometimes need money for things. Also, children should have an

allowance so they can learn the value of money. I don't think it should be very much. Something like a few dollars should be enough because young kids don't need to buy a lot of things.

**4. Talk about one of your family traditions.**

It is our family tradition to celebrate New Year's Eve because we like spending special moments together as a family. We usually have a nice meal at home, and then we play some games together.

**Unit 12 Feelings**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** When do you feel happy?
- b. **Speaker #2:** When do you get annoyed?
- c. **Speaker #3:** When do you bite your nails?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Things:** notebook, quiz, grade, birdhouse, situation, project

**Actions:** participate, receive, change, present, catch, build

**Descriptions:** angry, ashamed, impatient, embarrassed, unfair, frustrated

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. What things make you feel frustrated and why? Describe a situation when you felt like that.**

I get really frustrated when I try hard to accomplish something but it does not come out the way I want. I feel like that because I tend to be very impatient. Once I tried to build a birdhouse, but I couldn't get it right, so I got very frustrated and gave up.

**b. What things make you feel angry and why?**

**Describe a situation when you felt like that.**

I feel angry when something unfair happens, and I can't change it. I hate it when people are unfair to each other. For example, we were doing a group project at school, and one of the students was not participating enough. But after we presented the project well, we all received a good grade, including the student who didn't do much work.

**c. What things make you feel embarrassed and why? Describe a situation when you felt like that.**

I feel really embarrassed when I do something wrong and someone sees me do it. I feel like that because I know that what I am doing is wrong, and I feel ashamed when I am caught. For example, one day I was unprepared for a class quiz, so I decided to look in my notebook during the quiz. My teacher caught me doing it!

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 3
- b. 1
- c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

**1. What things make you feel tired and why? Describe a situation like that.**

I feel really tired after I come back home from soccer practice. Because I try really hard to improve my skills, I practice a lot. When I get home all I want to do is go to bed, but I usually have lots of homework.

**2. What things make you laugh and why? Describe a situation like that.**

There are many things that make me laugh. I

think I have a good sense of humor. I really enjoy funny movies, so I always go to see new comedies at the cinema. I enjoy funny novels, too, though not as much as movies.

**3. What things make you cover your eyes and why? Describe a situation like that.**

Scary things make me cover my eyes. I always do that when I watch something very scary because I try to separate myself from the scary scene. Once I was watching a horror movie with my friends, and it was really scary, so I covered my eyes every time something scary happened.

**4. What things make you blush and why? Describe a situation like that.**

When I feel embarrassed or find myself in an uncomfortable situation, I blush. I do that because I understand that I did or said something strange and other people saw or heard it. Once, my friends and I were at a party, and we were discussing this person that we didn't like very much. I was talking very loudly. Then, I turned around and I realized that person was right behind me. How embarrassing!

**Unit 13 Air Travel**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** Have you flown on a plane?
- b. **Speaker #2:** What is the best way to buy airline tickets?
- c. **Speaker #3:** What can people do during flights?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Descriptions:** large, domestic, convenient, early, major, international

**Actions:** make, fly, specify, provide, arrive, visit

**Things:** luggage, compartment, airplane, boarding pass, magazine, passport



- 4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

- a. What airline companies are there in your country? Can you name some places where many people from your country go by plane?**

There are three airlines in my country. One of them makes domestic flights. The other two provide international flights. People from my country fly to many other countries. For example, some people visit European countries, like France and Germany.

- b. How many hours do you have to arrive at an airport before a flight? Explain.**

You should arrive at the airport at least two hours before a flight because you need to have enough time to get your luggage checked in and go through immigration and security with your passport, boarding pass, and carry-on luggage. It's better to get to the airport early because all this can take up a lot of time.

- c. Is carry-on luggage allowed on planes in your country? What items do you like to have with you on an airplane?**

Yes, carry-on luggage is allowed on airplanes in my country, but it can't be very large because it has to fit in the overhead compartment or under the seat in front of you. Most airlines specify how big carry-on luggage can be, and people should follow these rules. I like to have my iPod, my laptop computer, and a book or a magazine to keep myself occupied on long flights.

- 6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 3  
b. 1  
c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

- 1. On an airplane, would you prefer to sit by the window or by the aisle? Explain.**

I prefer to sit by the window because I like to look out the window. I like to see the city, the roads, the cars, and the people, and I like to see how they get smaller and smaller as my plane takes off. Also, I like to look at the clouds.

- 2. Are you afraid of flying? Explain.**

Yes, I am a little afraid of flying, though I have flown a lot. I have flown to other cities in my country and abroad, but every time I do, I keep thinking of the huge distance between my seat and the ground. I think take-off and landing are the scariest parts of a flight.

- 3. Describe the responsibilities of a flight attendant.**

Flight attendants are supposed to make their passengers' traveling experience pleasant and to make sure everybody on their plane is safe. They need to make sure everyone is comfortable and has what they need. They also serve drinks and food during the flight.

- 4. After a flight, what do people do when they have arrived at their destination?**

When people have arrived at their destination, they usually have to pass through immigration. They show their passport and get a stamp in it. Then they proceed to the baggage claim area to pick up their luggage.

**Unit 14 Food**

- 1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** What is your favorite food?



b. **Speaker #2:** What is the strangest food you have tried?

c. **Speaker #3:** What does the typical diet in your country include?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Ingredients/Food:** spices, spaghetti, rice, meatballs, waffles, lasagna

**Things:** instructions, television, dish, kitchen, recipes, cookbooks

**Descriptions:** fantastic, better, wonderful, awful, tasty, appetizing

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes**

Answers will vary.

**a. What type of food do you like to prepare? Why?**

I like to prepare a traditional dish that we eat in my native country. It is called Kabsa. Kabsa is rice cooked with spiced lamb or chicken. Well, it's quite easy to prepare. It also tastes wonderful because of all of the different spices used in it.

**b. Do you like to use recipes from cookbooks when preparing food? Explain.**

No, I don't. I have tried to use recipes from cookbooks several times, but they just don't work for me, even though I use all the right ingredients and follow the instructions. Either the food doesn't taste good or it doesn't look appetizing. Once I tried to make lasagna, but it tasted awful. However, I can make very tasty spaghetti and meatballs!

**c. Which of your parents is the better cook? What is your favorite food that he or she makes?**

My mom is a better cook than my dad. As a matter of fact, I have never seen my dad in the kitchen cooking anything at all. My mom, however, is always there. She makes really delicious waffles for breakfast. They are fantastic!

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 3
- b. 1
- c. 2

**Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

**1. Who do you like to eat out with? Explain.**

I like to eat out with my friends, of course, because we always have a lot of fun together when we go out. I can talk about things with them that I wouldn't talk to my parents about.

**2. Do you think it is better to take friends to a restaurant or to a movie? Explain.**

I think it is better to take friends to a restaurant because you get a chance to talk and listen to them. You can have a good conversation over some good food and hear about the new things that have happened in your friends' lives. At a movie, you don't get a chance to talk.

**3. Is going on a diet good for a person's health? Explain.**

Going on a diet can be beneficial for some overweight people because they get a chance to lose some weight and to improve their health. Eating healthy food and doing regular exercise makes people feel better mentally, too.

**4. What special foods do people prepare for celebrations and holidays in your country?**

There are special foods that we prepare to celebrate special occasions in my culture. They come from traditional Mexican foods and the traditional style of eating. For example, we prepare tamales, posole, burritos, and mole. Tamales are little bundles of filling wrapped in corn leaves. I love them!

## Unit 15 Fruits and Vegetables

### 1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.

- Speaker #1:** What are your favorite vegetables?
- Speaker #2:** Have you ever tried to grow fruits or vegetables?
- Speaker #3:** What is the difference between fruits and vegetables?

### 2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.

**Fruits:** limes, oranges, pineapples, bananas, lemons, apples

**Vegetables:** onions, carrots, beets, cabbage, broccoli, potatoes

**Descriptions:** favorite, poisonous, tangy, fresh, sweet, dangerous

### 4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes

Answers will vary.

#### a. What fruits do people grow in your native country? Name one of your favorite desserts made with fruit. Describe this dessert.

Many farmers in my country usually grow fruits like bananas and pineapples. I guess citrus fruits are popular in my country. In some places in my country, you can see orange, lemon, and lime trees. My favorite dessert is orange ice cream, which is usually made with fresh oranges, sugar, and milk. It is both sweet and tangy at the same time.

#### b. What vegetables does your mother or grandmother use to prepare soup? How does she prepare it?

My grandma can make really delicious vegetable soup. She uses fresh cabbage, broccoli, onions, carrots, beets, potatoes, and spices. To prepare it,

she puts all these ingredients in a pot and leaves it on the stove to cook overnight.

### c. Do you think it makes a difference if fruits and vegetables are grown with chemical fertilizers and pesticides? Explain.

Yes, it does make a difference because I think now we know a lot more about how chemicals can affect our health. There has been a lot of research in this area. Using pesticides keeps insects away from fruits and vegetables, but they can be dangerous to our health because pesticides are poisonous. When I buy fruits and vegetables, it is important for me to know where they came from and whether or not chemicals were used to grow them.

### 6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.

- 3
- 1
- 2

### ❖ Extra Practice

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

#### 1. Why is it important to eat fruits and vegetables? How many should you eat each day?

Fruits and vegetables are very important for our health because they provide our bodies with all the necessary vitamins and minerals that we need. We should try to eat four to five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

#### 2. What is your favorite fruit? Why? What dish can you prepare with your favorite fruit? How do you prepare it?

My favorite fruit is the apple because it is very sweet and also very good for our teeth. I can prepare an apple pie from apples. To do this, you need a couple of apples, some sugar, and a pie shell. It's easy to make.



**3. What does the saying “One rotten apple spoils the whole barrel” mean? Do you have a saying with a similar meaning in your culture?**

This means that if there is one bad or negative thing, such as an apple or even a person, it can spoil all the positive things around it. Yes, there is a proverb with a similar meaning in my culture, which is “Don’t put a moldy potato in your potato basket.”

**4. What does it mean when someone is comparing apples to oranges? Explain. Do you have a similar saying in your culture?**

People use this phrase when they want to emphasize that they are talking about two completely different things because apples and oranges are very different. For example, it would be difficult to say whether a coat was nicer than a meal because these are two very different things. There is a similar saying in my culture. In fact, if you translate this into my native language, the saying is exactly the same.

Answers will vary.

**a. You want your friend to visit one of your relatives with you. Give him directions from your home to your relative’s home.**

My Aunt Cecile’s house is not far from my house, so you can walk there. First, go straight down Main Street and turn right onto Willow Drive. Walk two blocks until you get to the traffic light and turn left. Her house is number four. The front door is painted green.

**b. You need some fruit and your friend offers to help you. Give him directions from your house to the nearest grocery store.**

The nearest grocery store is quite far, so we will have to drive there. Go down Main Street and turn right onto Rosewood Road. Drive to the traffic lights at the intersection of Grant and Stone Street. Turn left onto Stone Street and you will see the grocery store.

**c. Your aunt is visiting from another city. You suggest she visit your local farmer’s market on the weekend. Give her directions from your home to the market.**

Our local farmers set up their market on Woodrow Street every weekend. To get there, you should take bus number two to Stanford Road. Get off at the first bus stop in front of the hospital, and walk two or three blocks along Stanford Road. You will see the market right next to the gas station on Stanford.

**Unit 16 Giving Directions**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

**a. Speaker #1:** What is the easiest way to get to your house from school?

**b. Speaker #2:** Where is the nearest post office?

**c. Speaker #3:** Where is a good book store?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Places/Things:** grocery store, intersection, bus stop, traffic light, hospital, market

**Descriptions:** first, far, left, straight, nearest, right

**Actions:** turn, give directions, walk, set up, see, get off

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses



**1. Describe how to get from your house to school.**

The school is not far from my house, so you can walk. First, you go down Oak Road and turn left onto Maple Avenue. Then, at the intersection of Maple and Birch, turn right. That's it.

**2. Give directions to the nearest supermarket from your house.**

The nearest supermarket is downtown, so you will have to take bus number 5 to get there. Get off at Maple Avenue and then turn left at Sinclair Road. The supermarket is on your right.

**3. What is the fastest way to get downtown from your house?**

The fastest way to get from my house to downtown is by subway. The subway station is just around the corner. Take the blue line north, and get off at the City Hall station. That station is in the middle of downtown.

**4. Recommend a good place to get a haircut. Describe how to get there.**

My hair stylist works at Kim's Beauty Salon on Broadway Avenue. First, drive to the intersection of Main and Stone and take a left. Then, drive for about one minute and you will see it on the left.

**Unit 17 Health**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

a. **Speaker #1:** What is one thing you learned in physical education class?

b. **Speaker #2:** What over-the-counter medication do you take?

c. **Speaker #3:** How often do you go to the gym?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Descriptions:** healthy, exhausted, important, miserable, simple, tired

**Actions:** repair, restore, help, feel, injure, sneeze

**Things:** bodies, allergy, vitamins, tasks, air, pollen

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. Why is it important to get enough sleep?**

**What are some negative effects of not getting enough sleep? How much sleep should you get each night?**

Sleep is a vital part of our lives because our bodies need sleep to restore ourselves after each day. When we do not get enough sleep, we get exhausted easily, and even simple tasks can seem difficult.

**b. Why is it important to get enough vitamins? Explain.**

Getting enough vitamins is very important for our bodies because they need vitamins to be healthy. Without vitamins, our bodies can't function normally. For example, vitamins can help the body repair itself when a part of it gets injured.

**c. Do you or any of your friends have allergies? Describe some negative effects of having allergies.**

Yes, I have a friend who is allergic to pollen. Because of her allergy, she can't do activities outside when there is a lot of pollen in the air. For example, in the spring, she sneezes a lot and her eyes always water. Her nose gets very red, and she feels tired and miserable.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

a. 2

b. 3

c. 1



❖ **Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

**1. Have you ever had a massage? Would you like to have one/another one? Why?**

Yes, I once went to a spa to have a massage and a body wrap for my skin. It was very relaxing. The masseuse took time to massage my back and my arms. I would like to have another one sometime because it really relaxed me and made me feel great.

**2. Give reasons why physical education (PE) classes are important.**

PE classes are very important at school because they give schoolchildren a chance to exercise during the day. As we know, students spend a lot of time sitting at their desks, so getting some exercise during the day is very important. It keeps their muscles strong and their circulation systems working well.

**3. Why is it important to take care of your teeth?**

It is important to take care of our teeth because we have only one set of adult teeth in our lives. We have to make sure they stay strong and healthy and serve us for a long time. If all your teeth fall out, you can only eat liquids, like soup or smoothies.

**4. Give examples of bad habits that negatively influence people's health. Explain.**

Bad habits that negatively influence our health are smoking, consuming alcohol, using drugs, and having sedentary lifestyles. These can all contribute to bad health. In fact, these kinds of habits can kill you!

**Unit 18 The Internet**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

a. **Speaker #1:** Why do people like to use the Internet?

b. **Speaker #2:** What can happen if you spend too much time online?

c. **Speaker #3:** Should schools allow students to use the Internet?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Internet Vocabulary:** file, download, website, program, access, post

**Where People Use the Internet:** at school, at home, in a library, coffee shops, Internet café, at work

**Why People Use the Internet:** send pictures, buy things, research, meet people, send email, sell things

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. Why is it convenient to have and use email?**

It is very convenient to have and use email because it is another fast and easy way to contact somebody besides using a telephone. All you need is an email program on your computer. Secondly, email is free, so you don't need to pay anything. I really enjoy communicating with people from around the world.

**b. What are the advantages of having Internet access at home?**

There are many advantages of having Internet access at home. First, you can go online anytime if you have a computer in your house. You don't have to go to the library or your school. I like to go on the Internet and check my email in the evenings or sometimes in the morning before I go to school.

**c. Describe how people use the Internet.**

People use the Internet for various reasons. Some of them use it for business to communicate with

their business partners in other countries, to send emails, business letters, and orders. Some people use it for personal reasons, like playing games or shopping. I have never bought anything online. My dad has bought many things online, and he has also sold lots of things for his home business.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

**Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.**

Sample Responses

**1. How can the Internet be improved? Provide specific examples.**

The Internet can be improved if we improve its reliability. Now, many of the things that are on the Internet are untrue. It makes it difficult for us to trust things that we read.

**2. How does the Internet help people do business all over the world?**

The Internet helps people do business in many ways. The Internet never closes, so businesses and customers have access to products at all times. The Internet also lets us buy things from people very easily from all corners of the world.

**3. Do you think the Internet can be addictive? Explain.**

Yes I think the Internet can be addictive just like TV. If people constantly look at things and are constantly entertained by something, they might start to feel dependent on that thing to feel good. Like anything that we enjoy, the Internet can be addictive and should be used moderately.

**4. What information about yourself should you never provide online? Why?**

Identity theft has become a huge problem due to the Internet. People should never give out personal identification numbers over the Internet. They should also closely guard their bank account information. If the wrong people get the information, they can ruin someone's life.

**Unit 19 Jobs and Occupations**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** What job would you never want to have?
- b. **Speaker #2:** What kind of jobs have you had?
- c. **Speaker #3:** What is an interesting job that one of your relatives has?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**People/Things:** career, future, politician, position, president, responsibilities

**Actions:** accept, get a job, occupy, require, take care of, travel

**Descriptions:** common, married, satisfied, single, successful, traditional

**4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

**a. What are typical jobs for men in your country?**

Men in my country occupy various positions. Common jobs for men are a police officer, businessman, doctor, fire fighter, or politician. Actually, no woman has ever run for president. I really believe that a woman could do a great job as president.

**b. What is more important for women in your country: to have a career or to take care of their families?**

Traditionally, it is more important for women in my country to take care of their families than to have a career. My family didn't really follow this tradition. My parents wanted all of their children to work in a successful career. Hopefully I can have both a successful career and a successful family life, but it is hard to say what will happen in the future.

**c. Would you accept a job that required a lot of traveling? Explain.**

Yes, I would accept a job that required a lot of traveling, as long as I was not married. After I got married, I would choose to spend more time with my wife and my children. As a single person, I would not have the responsibilities of supporting a family, so I could do more things that I wanted to.

**6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 2

**❖ Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

**1. If you had a choice, what would you choose to become? Why?**

If I had a choice, I would like to become an elementary school teacher. Elementary school teachers are very important because they help to shape kids' attitudes and outlook on life. Because I could do so much to help kids get started on the right track, I want to be an elementary school teacher.

**2. How do companies in your country reward workers/employees?**

Companies can reward workers in my country in many different ways. First, workers can receive

bonuses in the form of money or extra days off. Companies often take out their entire staff to a really fancy restaurant. The really large companies have retreats at mountain or beach resorts to allow their staff time to relax and bond together as a team.

**3. Where and how do you find a good job?**

I think there are many ways that you can find a good job. One way is to establish a network of friends who are already successful at their jobs, so they might recommend you. Another way is to search through a newspaper's classified ads. If I knew the company I wanted to work for, I would go to its website and apply directly for a job with the company.

**4. What is a workaholic?**

Workaholics are people who care only about their jobs and disregard the rest of their lives. They are always the first ones to come to work and the last ones to leave. They rarely have hobbies or other interests outside of work.

**Unit 20 Literature and Books**

**1 Listen to the speakers. Write the questions that they answer.**

- a. **Speaker #1:** How often do you read for fun?
- b. **Speaker #2:** Have you read a book that is also a movie?
- c. **Speaker #3:** Why is it important to read classical literature?

**2 Sort the words by writing them in the correct categories.**

**Things to Read:** newspapers, labels, posters, comic books, street signs, bus schedules

**In a Book:** characters, plot, settings, illustrations, pictures, events

**Places to Study:** library, park, living room, school, bedroom, computer room



- 4 Choose one of the questions below. Prepare your answers to this question by writing notes below. Use the questions from part 3 to help with your notes.**

Answers will vary.

- a. Give examples of everyday activities that require good reading skills.**

There are many activities in our everyday lives that require good reading skills. For example, we read newspapers to learn the news. We read labels on boxes, cans, and jars to know what we are eating. We need to read street signs so we don't get lost. Reading is important if we want to learn something new.

- b. Is it important to have pictures, maps, and illustrations in books? Why?**

Yes, it is. Pictures, maps, and illustrations give us a visual image of the main characters, events, and settings of books. Also, pictures help us understand the story. Sometimes there are too many pictures, though. I still think the best part of reading a book is imagining things in the story. A lot of my school books have pictures, but that's because we need pictures to help us learn more about science and other subjects.

- c. Why do some people prefer to study in the library?**

Some people prefer to study in the library because they can do research, or they can find more books on the subject that they are studying. Also, the atmosphere in the library is good for helping you focus on what you're studying. I usually study in my room at home. The library is too quiet. If I study there, I usually fall asleep.

- 6 Listen to each response and match it to the question it answers.**

- a. 2  
b. 3  
c. 1

**❖ Extra Practice**

Try answering one or more of these questions for extra practice. Use at least three sentences in your response to each question.

Sample Responses

- 1. What is the last book that you read? Describe the plot.**

The last book that I read was a piece of non-fiction called *Adventure Capitalist*. The man in the book is a retired millionaire from New York who spends three years driving around the world with his wife. He drives across all the continents. The book is a travel diary of his experiences and observations of what he saw during his journey.

- 2. Do you like reading classical literature? Why or why not?**

Yes, I do. I love reading classical literature because it's a perfect way to learn about the history of a country. It also exposes me to new vocabulary and sayings that are no longer used. My favorite classical writer is Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote *The Canterbury Tales*. It is a remarkable book because it is so funny, despite being written almost 800 years ago.

- 3. What is one of the most famous books in your country? What is it about?**

One of the most famous books in my country is called *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. *Tom Sawyer* was written by Mark Twain and is about a boy who grew up in America in the 1800s. The boy is very mischievous and always seems to be getting in and out of trouble. The story talks about life while growing up in a small town in America.

- 4. Do you think books will be important in the future or will the Internet replace them? Explain.**

I think books will be as important in the future as the Internet. Nothing can replace the value of an ancient book or a manuscript that can teach us about history and writing styles. I also think that there is still a connection between a person and a book that will never be replaced. Because of this, books will never be replaced.





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